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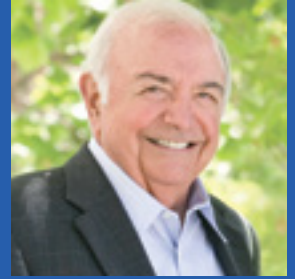
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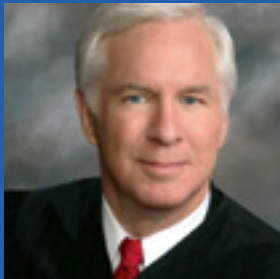


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A SPECIAL ISSUE HONORING PROMINENT
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The law has ancient roots, and we practice our profession in accordance with fundamental axioms and principles. We rightfully take pride working within an Anglo-American legal system that is centuries old. Substantive guarantees of due process and equal protection, and procedural guarantees of the adversarial system and fundamental fairness, are cornerstones of our profession. At the same time, the law and what it means to be a lawyer have changed and continue to change, sometimes in dramatic and even revolutionary ways. And this change is inevitably led by the lawyers themselves. It is these lawyers who

give those ancient and fundamental principles modern meaning. They are the gamechangers.

We are in the midst of a time of particular upheaval in the law, as tech increasingly changes legal practice and the law asserts its influence on, and power over, tech. Additionally, myriad areas of practice—from tax to immigration to bankruptcy to criminal sentencing to the environment—present constant challenge and revision. UC Hastings has begun a major renovation and expansion of its campus with one goal in mind: to further its mission of training students in the basics of lawyering, while preparing them to employ that knowledge to be ready for, and to contribute to, a quickly changing legal landscape.

UC Hastings is already well-known for producing leaders across a wide spectrum of law and law-related fields. It is with this in mind that we decided to celebrate a cross section of distinguished UC Hastings alumni who have been gamechangers in both traditional and nontraditional ways. Founded in 1878, UC Hastings has graduated countless high achievers, innovators, and thought leaders. In this special edition of *UC Hastings* magazine, we spotlight a selection of them; we will feature many more in future editions. Our honorees include high-profile elected officials and luminaries of the bench, social justice pioneers and tech trailblazers, media titans and independent impresarios. Collectively, they illustrate the breadth of possibilities available to the farsighted and prodigiously gifted lawyers of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

We thank all of the honorees in these pages (and those to be honored in future magazines) for their contributions—and for continuing to make the law school proud.

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GAMECHANGERS

OVER THE YEARS, UC HASTINGS HAS GRADUATED MANY ALUMNI WHOSE VISIONARY THINKING MAKES THEM LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS. IN THIS ISSUE, MEET SOME OF THE INSPIRING ALUMNI WHO ARE CHANGING THE GAME.

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PUBLIC SERVICE / PUBLIC INTEREST

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JEFF ADACHI '85

Former San Francisco Public Defender

➔ Adachi spent almost his entire legal career in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and served as the city's public defender since he was elected to the post in 2002. During his tenure, he tried more than 150 jury trials, handled more than 3,000 criminal matters, and established innovative programs that have placed the office, whose team of almost 100 lawyers and 60 staff represents more than 23,000 people annually, at the cutting edge of legal representation of the poor. Adachi passed away earlier this year.

MANUELA ALBUQUERQUE '75

Former Berkeley City Attorney

➔ Albuquerque served as Berkeley city attorney for 22 years, the longest tenure of any city attorney in Berkeley's history. In that position, from which she retired in 2007, she advised the Berkeley City Council, Housing Authority, city manager and staff, and city boards and commissions, while also litigating cases at every level of state and federal courts. She earned numerous honors for her work, including California Lawyer of the Year in 2007, and was named Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar's Public Law Section in 2005.

ZAHRA BILLOO '09

Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Area Office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations

➔ Since joining the Council on American-Islamic Relations at the beginning of her legal career, Billoo has shepherded the San Francisco chapter through a decade of unprecedented growth, overseeing a team of



advocates who serve the local American Muslim population through direct legal services and community outreach. Under her tenure, the chapter has also engaged in high-impact litigation challenging discriminatory treatment against Muslims. Billoo received the 2017 Human Rights Award from the Society of American Law Teachers in honor of her work.

RICHARD H. BRYAN '63

Former U.S. Senator from Nevada

➔ Following his early days as a deputy DA and public defender, Bryan was elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1968.

Over the next 20 years, and after stints in the state Senate and as Nevada's attorney general, he was elected governor in 1982. After serving two terms, Bryan represented Nevada in Washington, D.C., as a two-term U.S. senator. He currently practices law at Fennemore Craig in Las Vegas, where he focuses on government relations.

XOCHITL CARRION '07

Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco District Attorney's Office

➔ Carrion has assisted San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón since 2015 in representing the people of the city and county of San Francisco. She also serves as the Northern District vice president of the California La Raza Lawyers Association. She also served as a member of the California Law Revision Commission, to which she was appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2011 and which she chaired in 2012-2013. She also served as co-president of Brava! for Women in the Arts; chair of communications for the Hispanic National Bar Association's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Division; and president of the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association.

JAMES M. COLE '79

Former U.S. Deputy Attorney General



WILLIE L. BROWN JR. '58

FORMER MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO

Following a few years as a criminal defense lawyer, Brown launched his political career with his election to the California State Assembly in 1964. During his 30-year tenure, he became the body's first African American speaker in 1980, a position he held until his retirement in 1995. Brown wasn't through with politics, however. In 1995, he was elected mayor of San Francisco and served two terms that coincided with the dot-com tech boom. He oversaw a number of substantial infrastructure and building projects during his mayoralty, including a subway extension and a new biomedical campus at UC San Francisco. Retired from politics since 2004, he now heads the Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service, writes a freelance column for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and remains one of the city's most influential power brokers.

→ Following his graduation from UC Hastings, Cole joined the Department of Justice, and spent the next 13 years working in various roles, from trial attorney to deputy chief of the Public Integrity Section. He served as deputy attorney general from 2011 to 2015, working with the attorney general to formulate the federal response to changes such as state decriminalization of marijuana and the Smart on Crime program. He is now global co-lead of Sidley's White Collar: Government Litigation and Investigations practice.

BURK DELVENTHAL '69
Chief Deputy,
Government Law Division
of the San Francisco City
Attorney's Office

→ Delventhal joined the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in 1970. During his career, he handled litigation, opinion writing, and legislative drafting involving constitutional, municipal, and public policy issues. He was awarded the Charles S. Rhyne Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Municipal Lawyers Association in 2013, the highest award of its kind for local government attorneys in North America, granted irregularly to exceptional recipients. He was also the California State Bar's 2013 Public Lawyer of the Year, honored for his long career in service to the public.

He teaches as an adjunct professor at UC Hastings.

SEAN ELSBERND '00
Chief of Staff, San
Francisco Mayor's Office

→ Elsbernd was selected as chief of staff to Mayor London Breed in 2018. He previously served as state director for Sen. Dianne Feinstein, District



7 representative on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, chief legislative aide for Supervisor Tony Hall, and co-director of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus under former Congressman Tom Lantos, among other roles. Upon his appointment as chief of staff, the *San Francisco Chronicle* noted that he was "known for his willingness to dig into the more unglamorous aspects of local government."

CLAIRE ENGLE '33
Former U.S. Senator
from California

→ Known as "Congressman Fireball," Engle served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1943 to 1959 and as a U.S. senator from 1959 to 1964. He became district

attorney at age 23 in California's Tehama County and served in the California Senate. While in the House, the "Flying Congressman" flew himself to meet with his 18 counties of constituents. Despite losing the ability to speak, he famously voted in the Senate roll call to break the Civil Rights Act of 1964 filibuster shortly before his passing from a brain tumor, by pointing to his eye, representing his "aye" vote.

MIEKE EOYANG '02

Vice President, Third Way

→ Eoyang is the vice president for the National Security Program at Third Way, a think tank for

political issues and policy. She served as a legislative assistant for Rep. Pat Schroeder, chief of staff for Rep. Anna Eshoo, and defense policy adviser for Sen. Ted Kennedy. She has been the subcommittee staff director on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and professional staff member for the House Armed Services Committee. The Associated Press, Politico, and *The Wall Street Journal* have requested her analysis, and she has written for *Forbes* and *The Washington Post*. She appears frequently on MSNBC, commenting on national security and legal issues.

NOREEN FARRELL '97

Executive Director, Equal Rights Advocates

→ Farrell set her career path in law school when she served as editor-in-chief of the *Hastings Women's Law Journal*. As executive director of Equal Rights Advocates (ERA), a civil rights organization that focuses on gender justice, Farrell leads national initiatives addressing issues such as the gender wage gap, women's economic security, sexual harassment, and education equity. She has been at the forefront of ERA's impact litigation work, including before the U.S. Supreme Court, serving as lead counsel to plaintiffs in numerous lawsuits.

E.J. FLYNN '87

Senior Human Rights Officer, United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee

→ Flynn has spent most of his career at the United Nations, in roles that have



focused on human rights and led to assignments around the world, including in Haiti, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Switzerland, and New York City. For the



KAMALA HARRIS '89

U.S. SENATOR FROM CALIFORNIA

Harris' formidable career has been marked by firsts. A daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants, she became the first black woman to serve as district attorney in California when she was elected to serve as San Francisco's district attorney. She was the first woman and first person of color to serve as California's attorney general and the first-ever South Asian-American U.S. senator, a position she has held since January 2017. As Harris sets her sights ever higher, she is living proof that barriers are meant to be broken to pave the way for future generations of leaders.

past 13 years, he has served as a senior officer at the UN Security Council, providing strategic advice to member states on how to prosecute and prevent terrorism, while honoring human rights obligations. Prior to joining the UN in 1993, Flynn spent six years as a lawyer with nonprofits, representing Central American refugees *pro bono* on the Texas-Mexico border and later in Southern California.

PHILIP GINSBURG '93

General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

→ Ginsburg became general manager of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department in July 2009. Previously, he served as a labor and employment attorney at Carroll Burdick and McDonough, and worked in a variety of San Francisco city positions—as a deputy city attorney, human resources director, and chief of staff for Gavin Newsom during his tenure as mayor. As general manager, he has focused on making the parks system accessible for all. Under his leadership, San Francisco became the first city in the country where 100 percent of its residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park.

ROSEMARY HART '79

Special Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel

→ Hart has served in the

Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), which acts as a legal advisory office for the U.S. executive branch, for more than a quarter century. Her primary duties involve examining all executive orders, as well as other legal documents issued by both the president and attorney general, to ensure legality and proper form. She specializes in constitutional and administrative law and is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She was honored with the Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Government Service from the American Bar Association in 2013.

ROBERT M. HERTZBERG '79

California State Senate Majority Leader

→ Active in politics since he volunteered in local elections as a college student, Hertzberg has won seats in both California state houses and is one of a handful of California politicians to have served as both Assembly speaker and a state senator. After leaving the State Assembly in 2002, he spent 12 years in the private sector focusing on global clean energy initiatives, which led him to receive the World Bank Award for Lighting Africa in recognition of his efforts. Hertzberg returned to electoral politics in 2014, when he was elected to the state Senate.

JOHN T. KNOX '52

Former California State Assemblyman

→ Knox represented western Contra Costa County in the Assembly from 1960 through 1980, the last four years of which he served as the Assembly speaker pro tem. Knox was a driving force behind the 1970 creation of the



California Environmental Quality Act, which requires state and local agencies to identify and mitigate significant environmental impacts of all planned construction projects. He also sponsored laws in 1965 to create the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Knox died in 2017.

ANTHONY LEW '08

Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice

→ Lew joined the California Department of Justice in 2018, and acts as legislative advocate on issues that include consumer protection, privacy rights, and white-collar crime. Previously, he served as counsel for the Assembly Judiciary Committee in the

California State Legislature for nearly 10 years, where he worked to further progressive public policy on issues of access to justice, public rights, and civil liability. Before attending UC Hastings, Lew enjoyed a career in the public health arena, working as a research analyst for the UC Berkeley School of Public Health and the Department of Health Services in Los Angeles County.

MARY CATHERINE MALIN '84

Assistant Legal Adviser for Diplomatic Law and Litigation, U.S. Department of State

→ During her 30-year career at the Department of State, Malin has worked on landmark Supreme Court and International Court of Justice cases and served as a diplomat in The Hague. She is a specialist in foreign state and official immunity issues, the recognition of states and governments, and diplomatic law. A two-time recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, she also teaches foreign relations law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center.

ROBERT T. MATSUI '66

Former U.S. Representative from California

→ Matsui represented California's Third (later Fifth) District in Congress from 1979 to 2005. He had previously served as

a Sacramento city councilman and vice mayor. An internee of Tule Lake during World War II, he went on to help pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which included a formal apology for the internment program, and helped secure the Manzanar camp National Historic Site designation. He chaired the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee from 2003 to 2005 and is the namesake for the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Sacramento. He passed away in 2005.

LILA MIRRASHIDI '09

Deputy Secretary;
California Business,
Consumer Services and
Housing Agency

→ Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Mirrashidi deputy secretary of business and consumer relations in January 2019. Over the previous eight years, she was appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. to serve in multiple capacities. She held positions at the California Department of Business Oversight, which included leading the implementation of the PACE program and heading the legal division. At the California Department of Corporations, she played a key role in the Department of Financial Institutions merger. She also served as deputy appointments secretary for the Office of

Gov. Brown and deputy research director for his 2010 campaign.

GEORGE R. MOSCONE '56

Former Mayor of
San Francisco

→ A former state senator, Moscone campaigned for mayor on a platform of inclusivity. As the "People's Mayor," he appointed dozens of individuals from underrepresented minorities to administrative posts. During his tenure—which was cut tragically short in 1978 when he and Harvey



Milk were assassinated by former Supervisor Dan White—Moscone gave voice to marginalized populations and started to transform the city into the San Francisco people know today.

ROCHELLE NASON '87

Mayor of Albany,
California

→ Nason was named the 2019 mayor of Albany by the Albany City Council, just after her re-election to a second council term. Previously, she served as executive director of the League to Save Lake Tahoe

and as interim director of Refugee and Immigrant Services for Jewish Family & Community Services.

KATE ORLOVSKY '06

Director; Hague Office,
ICC & ICL Programme,
International Bar
Association

→ Orlovsky has spent most of her professional life working in and around The Hague, with a focus on human rights and gender equality issues. She served as a consultant on Human Rights Watch's International Justice Programme and as a legal officer for the Women's Initiative for Gender Justice. In 2016, she joined the Hague office of the International Bar Association, where she was named director in 2018.

CHRISTINE PELOSI '93

Chair, California
Democratic Party
Women's Caucus

→ Pelosi began her legal career as a public interest attorney in San Francisco. She then served as HUD special counsel in the Clinton-Gore administration, a chief of staff on Capitol Hill, and a Democratic National Committee member elected from California. A former executive director of the state party, she led its Platform Committee for 13 years, and has been elected six times to the Democratic National Committee, where



she co-founded the DNC Veterans and Military Families Council. A member of the DNC Resolutions Committee since 2001, she is currently chair of the California Democratic Party Women's Caucus and the DNC Executive Committee. She is a co-founder and counsel at WeSaidEnough, a women's rights advocacy group that launched the MeToo politics movement.

STEVE PHILLIPS '97

Founder,
Democracy in Color

→ A civil rights lawyer and senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, Phillips is the founder of Democracy in Color, an organization dedicated to race and politics. He is co-founder of PowerPAC+, a social justice organization dedicated to building a multiracial political coalition. He has appeared on multiple national radio and television networks, and is a columnist for *The Nation* and a contributor to *The New York Times*. He is the author of the best-selling *Brown Is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority*.

JULIA OLSON '97

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL, OUR CHILDREN'S TRUST

After spending 15 years representing conservation groups, Olson founded Our Children's Trust, an organization that gives voice to young people in the fight for their right to a stable climate. She is best known for her work as lead counsel in a landmark constitutional climate lawsuit, *Juliana v. the United States*. Brought by 21 youth plaintiffs, the suit asserts that government actions causing climate change have violated the plaintiffs' Fifth Amendment rights to life, liberty, property, and public trust resources. Olson received the Kerry Rydberg Award for Environmental Activism in 2017.



VIRGINIA PATTON PRUGH '81

Attorney Adviser, Law Enforcement and Intelligence, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

→ After graduating from UC Hastings, Prugh joined the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, where she served for 27 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. After leaving the Army, she joined the Department of State as an attorney adviser. Recognized for her expertise in international crime, she has been a member of several U.S. delegations to the United Nations, including those advising the Convention Against

Corruption, the Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

AKILA RADHAKRISHNAN '09

President, Global Justice Center

→ Radhakrishnan was named president of the Global Justice Center (GJC) in 2018 after eight years working at the organization. At the GJC, she combines advocacy with legal analysis to develop precedents that advance gender equality through the rule of law. She is active in international women's rights, and is leading efforts to challenge U.S.

abortion restrictions on foreign aid and to ensure justice and accountability for gender-based violence. She previously interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and DPK Consulting.

MATTHEW RODRIQUEZ '80

Secretary for Environmental Protection, CalEPA

→ Rodriguez became secretary for environmental protection at CalEPA in 2011. In addition to supervising various state environmental boards and departments, he acts as an environmental adviser on the governor's cabinet. Over

the course of his career, he has served in various deputy and assistant attorney general positions, including acting chief deputy attorney general for former California Attorney General Kamala Harris '89.

SIMIN SHAMJI '94

Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco Public Defender's Office

→ As the managing attorney of the Clean Slate and Specialty/Reentry Unit in the Public Defender's Office, Shamji oversees various initiatives, including the program that helps people clear their criminal records through expunging certain convictions and obtaining certificates

of rehabilitation. She has worked in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office for more than two decades and, after practicing as a trial attorney for many years, began focusing on criminal justice policy issues, including bail and sentencing reform, racial disparities, implicit bias, and evidence-based alternatives to incarceration.

RANDY SHAW '82

**Executive Director,
Tenderloin Housing Clinic**

→ Shaw founded the Tenderloin Housing Clinic while he was a law student at UC Hastings. He has dedicated his career to improving living conditions for tenants, limiting tenant displacement, and preserving and increasing affordable housing. THC is the city's leading provider



of legal representation to tenants facing no-fault evictions and is the chief provider of housing for homeless single adults. Shaw has authored six books on activism; his most recent work is *Generation Priced Out: Who Gets to Live in the New Urban America*.

J. CHRISTOPHER STEVENS '89

**Former Ambassador to
Libya**

→ Stevens' distinguished diplomatic career took off with postings in Riyadh, Cairo, Damascus, and Jerusalem. He was confirmed as U.S. ambassador to Libya in 2012 following the fall of Muammar el-Qaddafi. During a visit to the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi in 2012, Stevens and three other Americans were killed in a terrorist attack. UC Hastings established the Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens Memorial Lecture Series in his honor, which focuses on the use of law and public policy to promote peace.

ELISE K. TRAYNUM '86

**General Counsel, ACLU
of Northern California**

→ As general counsel at the ACLU of Northern California, Traynum provides legal services and representation for ACLU-NC on a range of work, including compliance, employment, contracts, and other laws and regulations. Previously, she served as general counsel and secretary to the board of directors at UC Hastings for 14 years. During her tenure, she defended a case against the law school that was heard by the U. S. Supreme Court. In *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*, the court upheld UC Hastings'



JACKIE SPEIER '76

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM CALIFORNIA

Shot five times at point-blank range and left for dead during the 1978 Jonestown massacre that killed her then-boss, Congressman Leo Ryan, Speier entered electoral politics by running for Ryan's vacant seat in 1979. Although she lost that election, it marked the beginning of a political career that started with a seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, continued with an 18-year stint in the California State Legislature, and led to her election to Congress in 2008. As a U.S. representative for California's 14th Congressional District, Speier has focused on women's rights, military and veterans' affairs, and advocating for the middle class. In 2012, *Newsweek* named her to its list of 150 "Fearless Women" in the world. In 2018, Politico named her as one of the 50 thinkers, doers, and visionaries driving American politics and policy. She has written a best-selling autobiography, *Undaunted*.

policy to require student organizations to open their membership to all students irrespective of their status or beliefs.

VIEN TRUONG '06

Former President,
Dream Corps

→ Truong witnessed poverty firsthand while growing up in Oakland with her Vietnamese refugee parents. She has devoted her career to ending the scourge of poverty, and as the president of Dream Corps, a national social change organization, she focuses on environmental, energy, and economic policies to improve the lives of vulnerable populations. Truong received the White House Champion of Change Award in 2016.

THOMAS J. UMBERG '80

California State Senator

→ A retired U.S. Army colonel and former deputy drug czar under President Bill Clinton, Umberg served three terms in the California Legislature prior to his election as a state senator in 2018. As a federal criminal prosecutor, he had a 100 percent conviction rate. Among his tours of active duty, Umberg led the U.S. military effort to attack corruption within the Afghan army and police in 2009 and earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone. He is a partner at Umberg

Zipser, a business litigation and intellectual property law firm in Irvine.

ANN M. VENEMAN '76

Former Executive
Director, UNICEF

→ Veneman has had a distinguished career in public service, most notably serving as executive director of UNICEF from 2005 to 2010 and as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 2001 to 2005, the only woman ever to have led that department. She was also the first woman to lead California's Department of Food and Agriculture as its secretary, a position she held from 1995 to 1999. She was named to the *Forbes* World's 100 Most Powerful Women list in 2009 and as a woman of history by the National Women's History Museum in 2016.

VIVIANA WAISMAN '95

President and CEO,
Women's Link Worldwide

→ As the founder of Women's Link Worldwide, Waisman leads a team located on four continents that advances the rights of women and girls in the courts of countries around the world. She has written and spoken extensively on human trafficking, reproductive rights, and gender crimes. Prior to founding Women's Link in 2001, Waisman consulted for the U.N. Population Fund and was a lawyer at the Center for Reproductive Rights.

THE JUDICIARY

→ SERVING IN—AND PRESIDING OVER—COURTS OF ALL LEVELS IN STATES ACROSS THE NATION, UC HASTINGS ALUMNI HAVE BEEN JUDICIAL THOUGHT LEADERS FOR MANY GENERATIONS.

JEFFREY AMESTOY '72

Former Chief Justice,
Supreme Court of
Vermont

→ After graduating from UC Hastings, Amestoy returned to his home state of Vermont to serve as assistant attorney general. Following a stint as Vermont's commissioner of labor and industry, and more than a decade as the state attorney general, he was confirmed as chief justice of Vermont's Supreme Court in 1997. In his role as chief justice, Amestoy authored the 1999 landmark ruling in *Baker v. State of Vermont*, which held that same-sex couples were entitled to the rights and benefits of marriage. Amestoy retired from the court in 2004 but continues to publish widely respected legal scholarship.

MARIA LUCY

ARMENDARIZ '97

Judge, Superior Court of
Los Angeles County

→ In 2018, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. named Armendariz to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Her impressive career trajectory previously





MARVIN R. BAXTER '66

FORMER ASSOCIATE JUSTICE,
SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

Baxter began his accomplished legal career as a district attorney in Fresno County before spending the next 13 years in private practice. Prior to joining the California bench, he spent six years as appointments secretary to Gov. George Deukmejian and helped appoint more than 700 judges. After serving as an associate justice on the California Court of Appeal, he was named to the California Supreme Court in 1991, where he served until his retirement in 2015. He also served 18 years as vice chair of the Judicial Council of California. UC Hastings' moot courtroom is named after Baxter and his wife, Jane.

included service as chief of staff for former California Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, legal counsel for then-Assemblyman (and later Los Angeles Mayor) Antonio Villaraigosa, legal consultant to the office of California Assemblyman Robert Hertzberg '79, State Bar Court judge, counsel for the State Assembly Committee on Public Safety, and ombudsman for women's prisons at the California Department of Corrections. A native of East Los Angeles, Armendariz spent part of her youth in the California foster care system, and was appointed to the California Blue Ribbon

Commission on Children in Foster Care in 2006.

CAROL A. CORRIGAN '75

Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of
California

→ In December 2005, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger nominated Corrigan to the California Supreme Court. Prior to assuming her seat on the state's highest bench, she served as an associate justice on the California Court of Appeal, a judge on the Alameda County Superior Court, and a judge for the Oakland-Piedmont-Emerlyville Judicial District. She also served as a deputy district attorney

in Alameda County. During the course of her career, she has taught at several law schools, including UC Hastings; served on various task forces; and has received numerous honors and awards.

EDWARD J. DAVILA '79

Judge, U.S. District Court
for the Northern District
of California

→ In 2011, Davila was named to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California by then-President Barack Obama. He was the first Latino in the federal judiciary to represent the Bay Area in more than 15 years. During his career, he has served as deputy public

defender and judge of the Superior Court of California, both for Santa Clara County; he also maintained a private legal practice in San Jose. While a Superior Court judge, Davila presided over the head-



line-making case of a Las Vegas couple who planted a severed finger in a bowl of Wendy's chili in an attempt to win a lawsuit against the fast-food chain. In early

2006, Davila sentenced the wife and husband to prison terms of nine and 12 years, respectively.

MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS '74

Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Nevada

→ Douglas was appointed to Nevada's Supreme Court in 2004, the first African American justice in the court's history; he served as the court's chief justice in 2011 and 2018. Prior to his Supreme Court term, Douglas was chief judge of the Las Vegas District Court (and a trial judge beginning in 1996), vice president of the Nevada District Judges Association, and a member of the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada. He was also an attorney for Nevada Legal Services and served in the Clark County District Attorney's Office, where he promoted access to justice and specialty courts. The National Bar Association honored him with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016. He retired in 2019.

KATHERINE FEINSTEIN '84

Former Presiding Judge, Superior Court of San Francisco

→ Throughout her career, Feinstein has resisted calls to follow in the footsteps of her famous mother, U.S. Sen. Dianne



Feinstein—instead, paving a path that led to the bench rather than politics. After working as a prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and a lead attorney in the City Attorney's Office, she joined the San Francisco Superior Court in 2000. In 2010, she began a two-year term as the court's presiding judge and retired in 2012. Since then, Feinstein has devoted her time to serving on nonprofit and government boards.

RICHARD FLIER '71
Former Judge, Superior Court, County of Contra Costa

→ Following more than a decade as a prosecutor and a 20-year career as a Superior Court judge, Flier has been a neutral for almost 15 years, helping adversarial parties reach resolution of their disputes through arbitration or mediation. While on the bench, he served three tours as a civil fast track judge, which required him to supervise approximately 25 percent of all litigation in the county and prepared him for the relatively fast-paced world of ADR.

As a neutral, Flier helps to resolve matters that run the gamut from commercial disputes to familial conflicts involving probate issues.

CARIN FUJISAKI '85
Associate Justice, California First District Court of Appeal

→ Fujisaki has enjoyed a diverse career; she got her start as a research attorney at the San Francisco Superior Court and then spent four years as an associate at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Robertson & Falk. She then moved to the California Supreme Court, where she served as a staff attorney for Associate Justice Marvin R. Baxter '66 for more than 20 years and as principal attorney to Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye for four years. Fujisaki served on the UC Hastings board of directors for 12 years, including one year as board chair. In 2018, Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Fujisaki as the first Asian American woman to the First District Court of Appeal.

KARLA GRAY '76
Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Montana

→ Named an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Montana in 1991, Gray became the court's chief justice nine years

later—making history as the first woman to hold that position. Before embarking on her judicial career, she worked as an attorney for the Atlantic Richfield Company and the Montana Power Company. She retired from the Supreme Court in 2008, but remained active in promoting improved access to justice, the abolition of the death penalty, and refinements to the civil and criminal justice systems. Gray passed away in 2017.

BRAD R. HILL '83
Administrative Presiding Justice, California Fifth District Court of Appeal

→ Appointed in 2006 to the California Fifth District Court of Appeal by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger,



Hill has long been active in the field of judicial education. His career includes service on the Superior Court of Fresno County, where he served as presiding judge, assistant presiding judge, and as a member of the court's Executive Committee. In 2000, in a highly prestigious appointment,

he was named by Chief Justice Ronald George to the Judicial Council of California—the governing body for all trial and appellate courts in California—first to serve as a trial judge and then as an appellate justice.

WILLIAM LAFFERTY '85

Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California

→ Lafferty's post-law school clerkship for San Francisco bankruptcy judge Thomas E. Carlson foreshadowed his own future. After Lafferty worked for Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin for 24 years, he was appointed as a bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of California in 2011. He was also appointed to the Ninth Circuit's Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in 2016 and serves as a member of the Federal Judicial Center's Bankruptcy Education Committee.

WILEY MANUEL '53

Former Associate Justice, Supreme Court of California

→ Following his time at UC Hastings, Manuel worked for 23 years in the California Attorney General's Office. He transitioned to a judgeship in the Alameda County Superior Court in 1976, and in 1977 he was

elevated to the California Supreme Court—becoming the first African American to serve on the high court. One of his most notable cases is the criminal prosecution of William and Emily Harris of the Symbionese Liberation Army for the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst in 1974. Manuel was well-known for his *pro bono* work, and in 1989 the State Bar of California created an annual award for *pro bono* legal services in his honor. In addition, the Wiley Manuel Courthouse, part of the Alameda County Superior Court, was named after the Oakland native, who passed away in 1981.

LESLIE C. NICHOLS '66

Former Judge, Superior Court of California

→ Nichols has led a distinguished career on the bench, serving as a judge of the Superior Court of California for 25 years. In that role, he handled settlement conferences, and pretrial, trial, and post-trial matters involving civil law, family law, juvenile delinquency and dependency, probate and mental health, and criminal law. After stepping down from the bench in 2009, Nichols served in the Assigned Judges Program until joining ADR Services as a full-time mediator, arbitrator, and referee.



A. ASHLEY TABADDOR '97

JUDGE, LOS ANGELES IMMIGRATION COURT

Tabaddor held various positions before her appointment as an immigration judge in 2005, including as an assistant U.S. attorney and a trial attorney with the civil division handling federal appellate litigation. During her time on the bench, she has presided over tens of thousands of cases, including cases on the detained, non-detained, unaccompanied juvenile, and mental competency dockets. As the current president of the National Association of Immigration Judges, she has testified before Congress and has called upon it to remove the immigration court from the Justice Department's purview to ensure the court's independence from a law enforcement agency and its use of the court in furtherance of law enforcement priorities. Tabaddor is currently a lecturer at UCLA School of Law, where she teaches a course on immigration law and practice.

LAWRENCE J. O'NEILL '79

Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

→ After graduating from UC Hastings and completing a prestigious clerkship for Judge Robert F. Kane of the First District Court of Appeal, O'Neill went into private practice in Fresno,



arguing 50 jury trials to verdict. In 1990, he became a Fresno County Superior Court judge, and in 1999, he was appointed a U.S. magistrate judge. In 2007, he was nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, unanimously confirmed by the Senate, and becoming chief judge in 2016.

ROBERT R. RIGSBY '86

Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

→ Rigsby has served on the District of Columbia Superior Court since 2002, when he was named to the bench by President George W. Bush. Prior to his appointment, he served in the office of the Corporation Counsel for

the District of Columbia (an office later renamed Attorney General for the District of Columbia) and was selected to lead the department in 2000. As an active service member in the U.S. Army from 1981 to 2014, Rigsby continued to serve during his time in the attorney general's office and as a judge; he made history when he became the first D.C. sitting judge and the first military judge in the Army to deploy on a full-time basis to an active war zone.

LIDIA STIGLICH '95

Associate Justice, Supreme Court of Nevada

→ Stiglich was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nevada by Gov. Brian Sandoval in 2016; she is its first openly gay justice. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, she spent four years as a District Court judge in Nevada's Second Judicial District. In addition, she was the co-founder and presiding judge of the Youth Offender Drug Court, a specialty court designed to serve as an alternative to incarceration for young adult drug users. Stiglich is an instructor at the University of Nevada, Reno, and a faculty member at the National Judicial College.

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SIMONA AGNOLUCCI '06

Partner; Kecker, Van Nest & Peters

→ Agnolucci specializes in complex litigation, including class actions, white-collar criminal defense, and bet-the-company commercial disputes. She represents "sharing economy" platforms, tech companies, investment advisers, smartphone manufacturers, and leading law firms. She recently successfully tried to verdict one of the few class actions



to be tried in California in recent years. She also has an extensive *pro bono* practice—in which she often represents women fleeing gender-based persecution—that has been recognized by national media, including *The New York Times*.

KHALDOUN A. BAGHDADI '97

Shareholder; Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger

→ Baghdadi served as chairman of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, the first Palestinian American

to hold that post. He is a shareholder with Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger, where he has worked for 20 years. He is dedicated to helping people in need of an advocate and has earned the highest accolades in cases involving wrongful death, defective products, medical negligence, and public transit injuries. He has served as an instructor of trial practice and moot court at California institutions, including UC Hastings.

SUZETTE J. BARNES '10
Senior Associate; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
→ Barnes, a senior associate in Orrick's San Francisco office and a member of the White Collar, Investigations, Securities Litigation & Compliance Group, focuses on the representation of major financial institutions, corporations, and individuals in securities



and complex commercial actions, regulatory investigations, and internal investigations. She also provides *pro bono* services to veterans seeking VA benefits, homeless individuals seeking the resolution of

open warrants, and low-income individuals seeking criminal record remedies. Prior to joining Orrick, she was a litigation fellow in the Office of General Counsel for The Regents of the University of California.

PHILIP T. BESIROF '96
Managing Partner, Morrison & Foerster
→ Besirof is the managing partner of Morrison & Foerster's San Francisco office and a partner in the firm's Securities Litigation, Enforcement, and White-Collar Criminal Defense Group. He has 20 years' experience in complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on representing companies and their directors and officers in securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits, and regulator inquiries and investigations. He is among the few lawyers in the country who have defended a securities class action at trial. Contributing to the defense verdict for JDSU and its former executives in a securities class action jury trial seeking \$20 billion in damages for alleged securities fraud and insider trading, he played a key role in co-managing case strategy and complex discovery issues. He is also chair of the board of directors of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides education and treatment.

DONALD E. BRADLEY '68
Chief Legal Officer, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
→ As chief legal officer at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Bradley advises the firm on ethical and other legal aspects of its practice. He also is the president and a director of Attorneys Insurance Mutual Risk Retention Group, which provides primary professional liability insurance to a number of California law firms, including his firm. Earlier, Bradley was the chair of the firm's tax practice, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and investment funds. Before joining the firm, he was a partner at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman). Bradley serves on the UC Hastings board of directors.

ERIC S. CASHER '06
Principal, Meyers Nave
→ Casher leads the public law practice at Meyers Nave, and has always demonstrated a passion for public service. He is city attorney for the city of Pinole and was appointed by then-Attorney General Kamala Harris to a four-year term as commissioner on the California Fair Political Practices Commission in 2013. The Bar Association of San Francisco honored him as an "Outstanding



Volunteer in Public Service," and he serves as immediate past president of the Charles Houston Bar Association and president of the California ChangeLawyers.

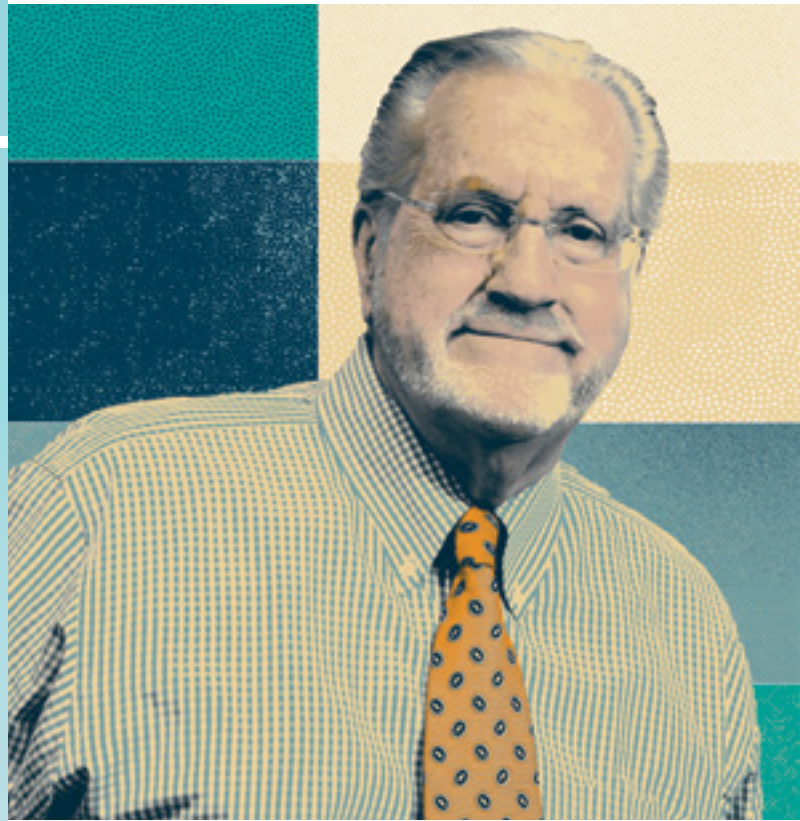
DION COMINOS '88
Firm Managing Partner, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani
→ Cominos, who joined Gordon & Rees in 1987, has been its managing partner since 2006. The firm has over 900 attorneys with offices across the country. He specializes in commercial litigation, and has also acted as a mediator and an arbitrator, and served on committees for the American Bar Association, the California Bar Association, and the Defense Research Institute, among others. He has been distinguished as a Super Lawyer every year since 2004 for his work in civil litigation defense and business litigation. He also periodically teaches courses at UC Hastings as a visiting lecturer.

ALISON CORDOVA '12
Partner; Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy

JOSEPH W. COTCHETT '64

FOUNDING PARTNER;
COTCHETT, PITRE & MCCARTHY

Cotchett has been lauded as one of the best trial strategists not only in California but also in the United States. Cotchett has an exceptional history of standing up for social justice in his 50-plus-year legal career, especially representing victims of white-collar fraud and corporate malfeasance. He has tried more than 100 jury cases, including a celebrated victory on behalf of 23,000 senior citizens harmed by the collapse of Charles Keating's Lincoln Savings and Loan in 1990 that resulted in a \$3.3 billion jury verdict. He also successfully represented the California Supreme Court and individual judges in a case brought against them by the New York Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers. Among his many honors, Cotchett was inducted into the very select State Bar of California Litigation Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame in 1999 and into the prestigious American Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame in 2011. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the nation for the past 17 years and was lauded by his peers as Super Lawyers' No. 1 lawyer in Northern California in 2017. He has been practicing at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy since 1967. Following his graduation from California State Polytechnic University with an engineering degree, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps and as a Special Forces paratrooper and JAG Corps officer, being awarded the Legion of Merit for his service.



→ Cordova is a trial lawyer who has proven her talents and acumen in large, complex matters, including taking on Chevron, PG&E, PetSmart, Samsung, the United States of America, and Boeing. A partner at the Cotchett firm, she has argued at the Ninth Circuit and won several trials, including representing a central California Irrigation District in a legal malpractice action against a nationwide law firm.

MATTHEW DAVIS '89

Shareholder; Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger

→ Since joining Walkup in 2001, Davis has obtained verdicts and settlements on behalf of plaintiffs, including a \$25 million jury verdict on behalf of hotel guests who contracted the

Norwalk virus, and settlements of 12 injury and death lawsuits brought on behalf of the victims of the 2015 Berkeley balcony collapse. As San Francisco deputy city attorney from 1992 to 2001, he prosecuted consumer protection lawsuits against big businesses, including suits alleging California's largest title insurers had defrauded both consumers and the government (which resulted in some \$75 million in verdicts and settlements) and a suit accusing Bank of America of mishandling government bond funds, which settled for \$187 million.

PHILLIP A. DAVIS '83

Special Counsel; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton

→ As a special counsel in Sheppard Mullin's Los

Angeles office, Davis specializes in corporate and securities litigation; director, officer, shareholder, and partnership litigation; real estate litigation; and creditors' rights. He has represented public and private companies, individuals, and venture capital funds, among others, in federal and state securities fraud class actions, shareholder derivative suits, and other disputes—including those involving breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement. He also successfully defended a number of consumer class actions filed under the Song Beverly Act. Davis is a volunteer judge pro tem and arbitrator for the

Los Angeles Superior and Municipal Courts.

ROGER A. DREYER '80
Partner, Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora

→ Dreyer has tried more than 125 civil jury trials for clients in 14 California counties, obtaining multi-million-dollar jury verdicts in wrongful death actions and catastrophic brain and spinal injury cases. His most notable cases included the “water intoxication” death case of 2007, which held a broadcast company responsible for actions that led to the death of Jennifer Strange, and resulted in a verdict of \$16.7 million for her family. In two trials against MasterCraft

Boats and Ford Motor Company, Dreyer obtained verdicts in the amounts of \$31 million for a brain-injured client and \$65 million for a family who lost their husband and father, both as a result of defective products. Additionally, as lead trial lawyer for the Oakland Raiders, he achieved for that team a verdict in the amount of \$34 million, the largest fraud verdict in Sacramento County history.

STEVEN E. FINEMAN '88

Managing Partner, Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein

→ Based in the New York City office of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein—one

of the country's top plaintiff-side litigation firms—Fineman joined the firm in 1991 and became national managing partner in 2003. He represents institutional investors in individual and class securities and financial fraud cases, and classes and groups of individuals in mass tort and consumer fraud litigation, and has won a number of awards and honors for his work. Fineman is a past president of the national public interest law firm Public Justice Foundation and currently serves as an ex-officio member of the board. He is a member of the board of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.



LYNNE HERMLE '81

PARTNER; ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE

Hermle is one of the most recognized employment defense lawyers in the country, successfully representing major companies such as Microsoft, Twitter, SpaceX, and others in bet-the-company litigation. She broke out on the national stage with a big win for Kleiner Perkins in the Ellen Pao sex harassment trial, where her courtroom work was called “masterful” by *The Recorder*. Hermle has been named a national Employment MVP four times by Law360, which calls her a “serial winner,” and *The Daily Journal* has named her one of its top 100 lawyers in California five times. She was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2017.



GAMECH

A portrait of Vien Truong, a woman with long, wavy dark hair, looking upwards and to the right. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved top with a zipper detail on the side. The background is a solid dark blue, and the lighting is dramatic, with a strong yellow light source from the right illuminating her face and hair.

“The Dream Corps is like the Peace Corps for the American dream. We fight for an America that is as good as its promise.”

Vien Truong

Former President
The Dream Corps

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The Gamechanger series highlights esteemed UC Hastings alumni who have refused to play by someone else's rules. They have decided not only to change the way the game is played, but to change the game itself.


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Keep up the good work. Each one of you is an inspiration.


—Carl Brown and Sean Donnelly, Corduroy Media

A close-up portrait of Burk Delventhal, a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, wearing round, tortoiseshell-rimmed glasses. He is looking slightly upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue tint across the entire image and a warm, golden light source from the upper right, creating highlights on his forehead, nose, and the right side of his face and glasses. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt.

“Seriously consider public service. The work is endlessly fascinating. I get to deal with constitutional issues almost every day, and I am working for my community. How many lawyers enjoy that luxury? I’m pretty lucky.”

Burk Delventhal

Chief Deputy of Government Law Division
San Francisco City Attorney’s Office

A portrait of a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, a light blue and white striped shirt, and a dark patterned tie. He is looking upwards and to the right with a slight smile. The background is a solid blue color. A warm, yellowish light source is visible, casting a glow on his face and hair.

“No matter what your
journey has been, always
believe that you can be
the best at whatever you
choose to do in the field of
law and beyond.”

Eric S. Casher

Principal at Meyers Nave
City Attorney for the City of Pinole

A portrait of Kristin Sverchek, General Counsel at Lyft. She is a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. She is looking upwards and to the right with a thoughtful expression. The background is a solid dark blue. A warm, yellowish light source is visible on the left, casting a soft glow on her face and hair. Her arms are crossed.

“Every way in which we approach the business is with that fundamental idea of connecting people to create better transportation. It’s a focus on connecting people, connecting communities.”

Kristin Sverchek


General Counsel
Lyft



“My time at UC Hastings was transformative. I became somebody who could look at the issues from 360 degrees instead of just from my own perspective.”

Nathan Ballard

CEO
The Press Shop

A portrait of Matthew F. Valdez, a man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is standing with his arms crossed, looking off to the side. The background is a solid dark blue. A warm light source from the right illuminates his face and glasses.

“There’s a proverb I like: ‘If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.’”

Matthew F. Valdez

Associate General Counsel
San Francisco Giants



“I approach law—and especially the great responsibility and privilege of advancing or protecting my clients’ interests—the same way I approach all the passions of my life: with enthusiasm, creativity, and focus.”

Claude M. Stern

Partner
Quinn Emanuel



“The narrative of being a Palestinian, and my mom originally starting in a refugee camp in 1948—that’s a story that’s hard to keep out of your mind when you’re deciding what you want to do with your education and whether or not you want to help people.”

Khaldoun A. Baghdadi

Shareholder


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“I hope that by giving kids
access to emerging technology,
they’ll be able to go further and
do more than I ever could as a
kid.”

Martha Mendizabal

Co-Founder
TecnoLatinx XR Labs

A close-up portrait of a man with dark hair and glasses, looking directly at the camera. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue tint and a warm yellow light source from the side, creating highlights on his face and glasses. He is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt.

“I wrote
Generation Priced Out
as a call to action for
progressive cities whose
housing policies have
priced out the working
and middle class and
particularly millennials.”

Randy Shaw

Executive Director
Tenderloin Housing Clinic



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Victoria Ayeni

External VP
Associated Students of UC Hastings

“There are a lot of battles to be fought, so I just hope the next generation that is coming up does not shy away from the challenge. I hope that they realize and recognize the sacrifices that people have made to put myself and other Asian American leaders in the positions that we are in. I hope we are able not only to leverage that and do greater things for ourselves, but to also make room for the next generation of attorneys who are coming up. They are the ones who will pick up the mantle and continue the fight against injustice.”

Jeff Adachi

Former Public Defender
City and County of San Francisco
1959-2019





Fineman is also vice chair of the board of the New York/New Jersey Region of the Anti-Defamation League and a member of ADL's National Commission.

L. RICHARD "RICK" FISCHER '70

Senior Partner, Morrison & Foerster

→ Since the 1970s, Fischer has focused on cases involving retail financial services, payment systems, and data security, often in conjunction with banks, technology companies, insurers, and others. He also takes on enforcement and compliance cases connected to the Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and has developed modifications and regulatory clarifications for issues in consumer lending and retail banking. Fischer, who acts as Visa's Washington counsel, has received a variety of awards and honors, and created an endowed scholarship fund at UC Hastings.

WAINWRIGHT FISHBURN JR. '81

Partner, Cooley

→ A founding partner of Cooley's office in San Diego, Fishburn is a thought leader in the fields of life science and digital health. His practice is concentrated on representation of life science, technology, and other operating companies, dealing with corporate

governance matters as well as mergers, acquisitions, strategic alliances, and intellectual property licensing and management. Fishburn has served as chairman of the Sanford-



Burnham Institute for Medical Research and is on the executive committee of the board of the UCSD Moores Cancer Center. He is also a founding director of the Corporate Directors Forum and Biocom, the largest regional life science association in the world.

THOMAS F. GEDE '81
Of Counsel; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
Principal, Morgan Lewis Consulting

→ Gede assists clients in complex governmental matters. He worked as a senior deputy in the California Attorney General's Office, and is known nationally for his work in federal Indian law matters, having focused on gaming compacts, civil and criminal jurisdiction, natural resources, and law enforcement issues. He has testified before Congress on American Indian and Native Alaskan issues. Gede started his career

working for Associate Justices Edwin Regan and Keith Sparks at the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. He also serves on the UC Hastings board of directors.

ANDREW G. GIACOMINI '91

Managing Partner, Hanson Bridgett

→ Under Giacomini's leadership, Hanson Bridgett has risen to be in the top 10 firms in Northern California. As part of his managing partner duties, Giacomini champions an inclusive and diverse workplace culture by overseeing initiatives such as recruiting diverse candidates at the law school level, implementing mentorship programs, and holding the firm accountable to diverse hiring goals and statistics. As a result, Hanson Bridgett has been ranked No. 4 among the 100 Best U.S. Law Firms for Women and No. 3 for Top Firms for Minority Partners by Law360. In addition, 39 percent of equity partners at Hanson Bridgett are women, surpassing the national average of 20 percent in 2018. Giacomini also serves on the executive committee of the Bay Area Council and is chair of its Government Relations Committee. In his spare time, he also serves as a trustee for the Buck Family Fund at the Marin Community Foundation and on the board of directors

of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust.

SUSAN J. HARRIMAN '83

Partner; Kecker, Van Nest & Peters

→ After joining Kecker, Van Nest & Peters in 1985 and becoming a partner four years later, Harriman has focused on complex business litigation. She has tried state and federal cases involving commercial disputes, real estate, and wrongful termination, and has represented groups as diverse as the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, EA Games, Univision, and the Alameda County District Attorney's



Office. Previously, Harriman clerked for Judge Robert F. Peckham of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and was a teaching fellow at Stanford University Law School. She is the incoming secretary for the American College of Trial Lawyers and previously served on its Board of Regents. She also is a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers

and formerly served as chair of the Ethics Commission for the city and county of San Francisco.

JENNIFER L. KELLER '78

Partner, Keller/Anderle

→ Keller has received many awards for excellence as a trial lawyer, including three CLAY Awards (California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year) in 2012, 2018, and 2019 for jury verdicts in intellectual property, white-collar defense, and municipal law. In 2018, she was inducted into the California Lawyers Association Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame. She made a last-minute appearance in 2011 as lead counsel for MGA Entertainment in its retrial of *Mattel v. MGA*, popularly known as *Barbie v. Bratz*, and pulled off what Reuters called “a stunning reversal of fortune” in favor of MGA. Among other high-profile cases, she won California’s largest business jury verdict of 2009 with \$350 million awarded to her venture capitalist client in *Auerbach v. Daily*. Keller also represented Standard & Poors in the U.S. government’s multibillion-dollar lawsuits alleging S&P inflated the value of certain mortgage-backed securities. She is currently defending actor Kevin Spacey in a civil case in Los Angeles.

MICHAEL A. KELLY '76

Shareholder; Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger

→ One of the nation’s top personal injury attorneys, Kelly specializes in cases involving catastrophic brain injury, wrongful death, and product liability. He has concluded more than 200 cases where the recovery by his client exceeded \$1 million. Honored by the American Board of Trial Advocates as the 2014 California Trial Lawyer of the Year, he is currently spearheading the litigation against Pacific Gas & Electric relating to the 2017 Northern California wildfires and 2018 Butte County “Camp” fire. He was selected by



Super Lawyers as a “Top 10” honoree for 2018-2019 and by Best Lawyers as the 2017 Lawyer of the Year in the area of mass torts. He has taught courtroom advocacy skills for NITA and ABA ROLI across the U.S. and in Eastern Europe, South America, Japan, Scotland, and Ireland. He was an assistant professor of law at UC Hastings from 1981 to 2001.

JEFFREY LENA '96

Counsel, The Holy See

→ From teaching history and law to making legal history, Lena has had a transformative journey. A history graduate student at UC Berkeley, he enrolled at UC Hastings to pursue a legal career. After law school, he taught law at the University of Turin in Italy, which led to a connection with the Holy See that would change his life forever. Now, Lena represents the Holy See in civil lawsuits in the United States. Some of these suits accuse the Vatican of complicity in sexual abuse by priests and money laundering; he has also been involved in protecting the Vatican Museum’s copyrights. He has won numerous high-profile cases.

JOHN LIM '82

Partner, LimNexus

→ Lim’s practice focuses on real estate development and financing matters for large-scale commercial projects, representing everyone from investment groups to financial institutions to developers in cases dealing with topics such as financing, land use, loans, and bankruptcy proceedings. Some of his best-known projects include Plaza Mexico, The Source, Aroma Center, and the San Pedro Wholesale Mart. He has a profound conviction in



the importance of social justice and is a member of various nonprofit boards, as well as serves on the UC Hastings Foundation board of trustees.

THOMAS MILLER '73

Construction Defect Attorney, The Miller Law Firm

→ Miller has spent the entirety of his career in construction law. He knows the field inside and out, having litigated disputes on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants. During his early years of practice, he represented developers and insurance companies. For the past several decades, however, he has represented homeowners and associations, and has won more than \$1 billion for his association clients. Miller is also the author of four treatises on construction defect law.

ALEXANDER MORRISON, CLASS OF 1881

Founding Partner, Morrison & Foerster

→ A member of the law school’s first graduating class, Morrison founded



PETER MARTIN NELSON '79

PRINCIPAL, NELSON DAVIS

One of the top lawyers in the global entertainment industry, Nelson is a longtime fixture on the *Hollywood Reporter's* annual Power Lawyers list. As a principal of the Santa Monica-based firm Nelson Davis, Nelson has negotiated what *Variety* calls "some of the most groundbreaking franchise deals in movie and TV history." His client list includes winners of Academy, Emmy, Grammy, and Golden Globe awards, such as director Peter Jackson and actor Allison Janney. He has spoken frequently before public audiences on film financing, production, distribution, copyright, and the art of negotiation, and he has been published in multiple legal and industry journals. Before beginning his career in entertainment law, he served a one-year clerkship for the Hon. George E. MacKinnon, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia. Nelson is also a competitive sailboat racer.

what was to become Morrison & Foerster under the name O'Brien & Morrison in San Francisco in 1883. His mission was to practice "principally in the line of corporation business." The firm grew into an international giant, with 17 offices located throughout the United States, Asia, and Europe. Morrison has been remembered since his death in 1921 through bequests made in his name—helped in part by his former law firm—to libraries, a visiting lecture series, scholarships, and a planetarium.

ROXANE A. POLIDORA '88

Partner, Pillsbury

Winthrop Shaw Pittman

→ Polidora is the leader of the firm's Antitrust & Competition practice and the managing partner of the San Francisco office. She represents clients in significant antitrust, unfair competition, and commercial litigation in courts across the country. The roster of top clients she has represented include Kemet Corp. and Tokin Corp., Home Depot, AT&T, and Chevron, along with many others. Among her numerous honors, Polidora was named one of the Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business for 2018 by the *San Francisco Business Times*. She is

past chair of the State Bar of California's Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section, a former executive committee member, and current adviser to the section.

RICHARD H. SCHOENBERGER '85

Shareholder; Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger

→ Schoenberger began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, where he cut his teeth trying cases. He joined the distinguished Walkup firm in 1987, and became a partner in 1995 and a named partner 10 years later. Of his many civil jury trials representing the catastrophically injured, 11 of his verdicts have been for at least \$1 million. At various points in his career, he has held or shared the San Francisco, Sacramento, Santa Clara, and San Mateo county records for the largest verdict in specific case types. He was selected by Best Lawyers as the 2016 and 2019 Lawyer of the Year for San Francisco in the area of personal injury and was honored as the Trial Lawyer of the Year by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association in 2011. He is a highly regarded trial advocacy teacher, both nationally and internationally, and a member of the American

Board of Trial Advocates, the International Society of Barristers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

SCOTT A. SHER '97

Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

→ Sher leads the antitrust department at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and is a partner in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. His practice focuses on antitrust counseling and litigation, and he represents clients with antitrust issues that arise through the merger and acquisition process. His representations have included cases involving the intersection of antitrust and intellectual property law. Sher specializes in working with companies in the software, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, computer hardware, semiconductor, telecommunications, internet infrastructure, and e-commerce industries and has represented Google, McAfee, and Sun Microsystems, among others.

BRUCE L. SIMON '80

Founding Partner; Pearson, Simon & Warshaw

→ Simon was named 2018 Antitrust Lawyer of the Year by the California Lawyers Association. One of the leading

antitrust lawyers in the country, he has been appointed lead counsel in cases with national and global impact and has secured billions of dollars in settlements. Simon served on the UC Hastings board of directors for 12 years, including two years as board chairman. He opened his own firm in 2008, which became Pearson, Simon



& Warshaw. Simon takes pride in being a trial attorney and has one of the largest antitrust class action jury verdicts in the Northern District of California.

JAMES I. STANG '80

Founding Partner, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones

→ Stang co-founded Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones in 1983 and has received acclaim for his bankruptcy work at the state and national levels. He has represented more than 15 creditors' committees involving survivors of sexual abuse. Stang has also lectured and written extensively on both bankruptcy and receivership

issues. The Los Angeles attorney has been named a Super Lawyer in the field of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights every year since 2005 in a peer survey, an honor bestowed on only 5 percent of Southern California attorneys. He was also honored by Best Lawyers in America and is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

CLAUDE M. STERN '80

Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

→ One of the leading intellectual property trial lawyers in the U.S., Stern has almost four decades of practical experience. During that time, he has served as president of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, been named "IP Attorney of the Year in California" by numerous publications, and identified as a Band 1 lawyer by Chambers. Currently, he is co-chair of the National Intellectual Property Litigation Practice at Quinn Emanuel, a firm considered one of the "Fearsome Foursome" by Law360 for its extremely competent litigators.

ERIC TAO '95

Managing Partner, L37 Partners

→ With nearly two decades of experience in real estate, Tao has driven the development process for



more than 2,000 Bay Area multifamily housing units. In his career, he has led the development of more than 1,000 market-rate and affordable apartment and condo units in emerging neighborhoods in San Francisco. He serves on the Urban Land Institute San Francisco, SPUR, and Housing Action Coalition boards and has also been appointed to the San Francisco Mayor's Housing Trust Fund Working Group and the San Francisco Inclusionary Housing Technical Advisory Committee.

GLEN R. VAN LIGTEN '90

Partner, Gunderson Dettmer

→ As a partner in the Bay Area offices of law firm Gunderson Dettmer, Van Ligten counsels emerging companies and venture capital firms on all aspects of corporate law, with a particular focus on venture financings, mergers and acquisitions, and IPOs. His annual portfolio comprises hundreds of financing transactions. A vocal proponent of hands-on,

practical legal training, he has co-taught the corporate classroom component of UC Hastings' Startup Legal Garage for the past several years.

BRUCE WAGMAN '91

Of Counsel, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila

→ Wagman, an attorney in the firm's San Francisco office, is the only lawyer with a practice completely devoted to animals within a major U.S. firm. He has published the leading animal law casebook and the only global survey of animal law. His practice covers the use of animals in entertainment, biomedical research, and animal agriculture/food production; animal cruelty; and wildlife control. He has worked on behalf of every species from chimpanzees and gorillas to dolphins and whales.

JAMES M. WAGSTAFFE '80

Partner, WVBR

→ Wagstaffe specializes in defamation, privacy, and intellectual property litigation and handles diverse cases in courts throughout the country. He has developed a specialty in defending against libel, privacy, and related claims. He defended *The New Yorker* magazine in its successful trial in the U.S. District Court for the Northern

District of California. He has also successfully represented numerous other parties at the trial and appellate levels, including the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Billboard* magazine, the *Sacramento Union*, and the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Wagstaffe is an adjunct professor at UC Hastings, where he teaches civil procedure.

RANDALL W. WULFF '74

Founder, Wulff Quinby Sochynsky Dispute Resolution

→ Following a 20-year career as a trial lawyer, Wulff became a full-time neutral in 1994. Since then, he has served as mediator in more than 2,000 cases. Among his successful mediations, Wulff oversaw a \$2.75 billion agreement among Discover, MasterCard, and Visa, and the \$1.1 billion class action settlement of the Microsoft antitrust claims in California. He was also selected to lead the panel that decided the property damage claims for the World Trade Center in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY LAW

→ MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN WIDE-RANGING INDUSTRIES SUCH AS FINANCE, BIOTECH, REAL ESTATE, AND INSURANCE, UC HASTINGS ALUMNI EXCEL IN CAREERS THAT ARE ANYTHING BUT "BUSINESS AS USUAL."

BARBARA BANKE '78

Chairman, Jackson Family Wines

→ Twenty years after co-founding Jackson Family Wines with her late husband, Jess Jackson, Banke continues to lead the company today. With a vast portfolio of properties on five continents, she helms a global company anchored by the Kendall-Jackson winery in Sonoma. Banke, who prac-



ticed constitutional and land-use law for more than a decade prior to diving into the wine business, is a generous philanthropist, directing most of her giving to children's and educational charities across the U.S.

JOHN BARGER '84

Managing Director/Principal, NorthernCross Partners

→ As the managing director of investment and advisory firm NorthernCross Partners for the past 14 years, Barger primarily counsels small and middle-market companies and private equity firms on matters that include portfolio operating

and liquidity strategies, as well as fund administration. In 2013, he founded SierraConstellation Partners, a leading firm in turnaround management. Barger currently serves on the boards of NanoLumens, which specializes in interactive LED visualization products, and WineDirect, a leading provider of direct-to-consumer services to wineries.

FRANK BUSCH III '00

Founder and CEO, Deloache Capital and Thomas Title & Escrow

→ Armed with several years of experience in corporate and banking law following stints at a law firm and as in-house counsel at a bank holding company, Busch founded Thomas Title & Escrow in 2006—the first of several commercial real estate-related firms run by him. His businesses provide debt and equity solutions, as well as a range of services that include commercial title insurance, 1031 exchange accommodation, and corporate escrow arrangements for domestic and international transactions. Busch expanded the business into Latin America, and it is now one of the leading escrow providers south of the border.

DENELLE DIXON '97

CEO and Executive Director, The Stellar

Development Foundation

→ Dixon joined the firm of Folger Levin & Kahn in 1998, first as an associate and then as partner. She later acted as senior legal director for Yahoo and director of U.S. legal strategy for Terra Firma, before joining Mozilla full time



in 2012. At Mozilla, she served as external adviser; associate general counsel; senior vice president, business and legal affairs; and chief business and legal officer, before taking on the role of chief operating officer in 2018. In 2019, Dixon was appointed CEO and executive director of the Stellar Development Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes the development and adoption of the Stellar open-source blockchain protocol.

FRITZ DUDA '64

President, Fritz Duda Company

→ Since it was founded in 1974, Duda's namesake real estate investment company has established an impressive track record of developing high-quality projects in various sectors

of the industry, including retail, industrial, office, residential, and mixed use. From shopping centers and business parks to residential communities, Duda's firm has made an impressive mark throughout Texas, California, and Nevada, among other states. Duda was also a founding investor and director of HMI Acquisitions and The Vons Companies, which merged with Safeway in 1997.

ADAM ELSESSER '87

Chairman, CEO, and President, Penumbra

→ When Elsesser co-founded Penumbra in 2004 with his best friend from Stanford University, their goal was to create innovative medical products that would have a huge impact on patients and their families. The global company, headquartered in Alameda, now offers a broad portfolio of neuro and peripheral vascular devices. Prior to Penumbra, Elsesser served as the CEO of Smart Therapeutics, which focused on devices for neuro-intervention, and was a partner in the San Francisco law firm Shartis Friese before he moved into the medical device industry.

KENNETH GURROLA '97

Owner, Chairman, and CEO; Eastridge Capital

→ Gurrola founded one of three known Hispanic investment banks in the U.S. today. Since leaving JPMorgan, he has made approximately \$135 billion of impact (investment gains, advice and opportunities). Gurrola has done business on six continents. His clients have included the U.S. Treasury and a \$160 billion conglomerate. He advises pensions, endowments, foundations, and family offices with a combined \$1.5 trillion to invest. He sits on the Chancellor's Circle of UC Hastings and has volunteered to train high-risk UC Hastings graduates in investment law.

KATHRYN HALL '71

Proprietor, HALL Wines and WALT Wines

→ Today, Hall is best known as the proprietor of the award-winning HALL Wines and WALT Wines, grown on 500 acres of family-owned estate vineyards in Napa Valley. But her résumé also includes remarkable achievements in other fields: She has been assistant city attorney in Berkeley, the developer of



one of the United States' first and largest affirmative action programs at Safeway, United States ambassador to Austria (from 1997 to 2001), and a high-powered Texas attorney. She was also president of an inner city development company in Dallas and co-founder of the North Texas Food Bank.

**MICHAEL
HUTTNER '95**

Chief Executive Officer,
Powerplant Global
Strategies

→ A longtime proponent of the medical benefits of cannabis, Huttner helped design the road map for Colorado's eventual decriminalization

of marijuana. As CEO of Powerplant Global Strategies, a PR and communications firm focused on the legal cannabis industry, he works with companies and investors committed to expanding the legalized cannabis market in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to his work as a corporate and political strategist, Huttner co-founded a Denver law firm and his own consulting firm, Huttner Group.

**PARKER S.
KENNEDY '73**

Chairman of the Board,
First American Financial
Corporation

→ Four years out of law school, Kennedy joined the

ranks of First American Corporation, founded in 1889 by his great-grandfather. Over the ensuing decades, he held various positions at the firm, which became a global provider of title insurance, property information, and settlement services. Appointed CEO in 2003, Kennedy held that position until 2010, when the firm split into two separate NYSE-traded entities. He currently serves as chairman of the board of First American Financial, one of those companies.

JOHN KOMEIJI '79
President and General
Manager, Hawaiian
Telcom

→ Although Komeiji spent decades at litigation practice Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, eventually working his way up to senior partner, he is currently making waves as the president and general manager of Hawaiian Telcom, an integrated communications provider based in Honolulu. He previously served the company as chief administrative officer and general counsel before his appointment to his current position in July 2018. Earlier that year, he was honored by the Hawaii Venture Capitalist Association with the Corporate Intrapreneur of the Year award.

JULIE GRUBER '92

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GLOBAL
GENERAL COUNSEL, GAP INC.

A senior leader for Gap Inc., Gruber wears many hats—as executive vice president, global general counsel, corporate secretary, and chief compliance officer. She directs an international team to keep the worldwide apparel corporation growing strong, while minimizing its legal risks. Gruber also leads Gap's government affairs and corporate administration teams. Before joining Gap, she was an associate at Bronson, Bronson and McKinnon in San Francisco and clerked for Judge Ronald M. Whyte in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Jose.



CONSTANCE LAU '77

President and CEO,
Hawaiian Electric
Industries

→ Lau heads HEI, Hawaii's largest publicly traded company, with operations in energy, banking, and sustainable infrastructure. Lau began as assistant corporate counsel at subsidiary Hawaiian Electric, now a key player in Hawaii's efforts to achieve the nation's most aggressive climate goals of 100 percent renewable energy, carbon neutrality, and 100 percent renewable ground transportation. Lau also spent time as president and CEO of subsidiary American Savings Bank, landing on *US Banker's* list

of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking in the U.S. As chair of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, Lau currently leads efforts to enhance the resilience and cybersecurity of the nation's critical infrastructure.

ALBERT LIU '97

Vice President and
Deputy General Counsel,
Alibaba Group

→ A software engineer prior to entering law school, Liu launched his legal career as a tech lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell and moved in-house in 2000 when he joined telecommunications equipment provider

Turnstone Systems as its general counsel. Following corporate stints at a couple of other tech companies, Liu landed at VeriFone Systems, where he spent almost a decade leading the legal department. Since 2017, Liu has served as vice president and deputy general counsel of the Chinese conglomerate Alibaba Group—one of the biggest and highest-valued companies in the world—focusing on the company's globalization strategies.

ANTHONY

MCCUSKER '95

Partner and Co-Chair
of Technology Practice,
Goodwin Procter

→ Described as “absolutely a player in the emerging companies market” by *Chambers USA* and one of the “10 Emerging Law Firm Leaders in California” by *Daily Journal*, McCusker is well-known in Silicon Valley for his work in corporate, securities, and partnership laws, especially as they relate to advising emerging-growth technology companies. His firm, Goodwin Procter, has an online resource for startups called Founders Workbench, and McCusker is a key contributor to the site.

MARTHA

MENDIZABAL '10

Co-Founder, TecnoLatinx
XR Labs

**DOUG SHORENSTEIN '79**

FORMER CHAIRMAN AND CEO,
SHORENSTEIN PROPERTIES

As chairman and CEO of Shorenstein Properties, Shorenstein took his father's San Francisco-based real estate development company national, amassing properties in 20 markets, including Los Angeles and New York. The company's current portfolio totals approximately 25 million square feet (including some 2.3 million square feet under development), with a gross value of about \$9 billion. In 2007, Shorenstein was appointed to the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and in 2011 was named chairman. Previously, he worked with the law firm of Shearman & Sterling. He passed away in 2015.

→ Mendizabal has been passionate about raising technology awareness in Latin America ever since her student days, when she volunteered to help refurbish donated computers. After working in equity derivatives at



ICAP, the world's largest broker-dealer, she turned to emerging technologies and co-founded TecnoLatinx XR Labs. The Los Angeles-based organization uses immersive educational experiences to introduce virtual reality and augmented reality hardware to English- and Spanish-speaking communities in the U.S., Latin America, and the Caribbean.

JOHN MENDLEIN '93
Executive Partner,
Flagship Pioneering;
Strategic Consultant,
Moderna Therapeutics

→ A scientist and a lawyer, Mendlein has helped found and direct many biotechnology companies. When biotech was taking off in Silicon Valley in the 1990s, he got a job with Cooley doing patent work, licensing deals, and

corporate law. Once lured into biotech, Mendlein became a "parallel" entrepreneur, often serving as a hands-on chairman of the board at several pioneering biotech companies. In 2018, he became president of corporate and product strategy at Moderna Therapeutics, a clinical stage biotechnology company, where he has been a board member since 2012. In addition to his JD degree, Mendlein has a PhD in physiology and biophysics. He is the co-author or co-inventor of more than 210 publications and published patents.

SCOTT MORRIS '76
Senior Vice President &
General Counsel, Trilogy
International Partners

→ Morris began his legal career working as an attorney-adviser to the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. He has since worked exclusively in the telecommunications industry, with a particular focus on external affairs, for companies such as Viacom Cable, AT&T Wireless, Terabeam Corporation, and Western Wireless. Morris has worked for Trilogy since 2006 and serves as a member of UC Hastings' board of trustees.

LAWRENCE NAGIN '65
Former General Counsel,
United Airlines

→ As a public defender, a

lawyer in private practice, a city attorney, and an airline executive, Nagin enjoyed an impressively varied career before his death in 2009. His introduction to the airline industry came in 1980 when he joined cargo airline Flying Tigers, where he served as general counsel and eventually as CEO. He subsequently became general counsel for United Airlines and, after a few years at law firm Skadden Arps, joined US Airways, where he remained until 2002. The Lawrence M. Nagin Faculty Enrichment Fund is named in his honor.

KENNETH OLIVIER '77
Past Chairman,
Dodge & Cox

→ Armed with both a UC Hastings law degree and an MBA from Harvard Business School, Olivier spent his career at San Francisco-based investment company Dodge & Cox, which he joined in 1979. He worked his way up the ladder, eventually becoming the firm's CEO. In addition, he served as a trustee and chairman of the Dodge & Cox Funds and as a member of various investment policy committees. A trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, he and his wife recently endowed the Ken Olivier & Angela Nomellini Chair with one of the

organization's largest individual donations since its founding.

ALAN OSHIMA '76
President and CEO,
Hawaiian Electric
Company

→ Oshima was named to head Hawaiian Electric Company in 2014 with a promise to transform the utility's culture to be more innovative and adaptable, expanding the use of cost-effective renewable energy resources for power



generation and transportation, while also helping to create more sustainable communities. He has also served in executive roles at Hawaiian Electric Industries and Hawaiian Telcom. He was a founding partner of the law firm Oshima, Chun, Fong & Chung and practiced law with Carlsmith Ball.

GEORGE R. ROBERTS '69
Co-Chairman and
Co-CEO, Kohlberg Kravis
Roberts

→ Roberts, a titan in the world of private equity, co-founded global investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) in 1976.

KKR pioneered leveraged buyouts and is best known for its 1988 buyout of RJR Nabisco, a deal that was immortalized in the 1989 book *Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco*. An avid philanthropist, Roberts has served on the boards



of numerous cultural and education institutions and established the San Francisco-based Roberts Enterprise Development Fund, which invests in and advises social enterprises that seek to provide job opportunities to people who face barriers to employment.

DAN SAFIER '94

President and CEO,
Prado Group

→ Safier is the founder of and oversees the Prado Group, a San Francisco-based real estate development and investment management firm. The firm focuses on urban residential, retail, office, medical, and mixed-use properties within high-density marketplaces, including the San Francisco Bay Area. Prado Group's mission is to

positively evolve the built environment. Safier is the chairman of the board of the Jim Joseph Foundation and the former director and chair of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation's Endowment Fund. He serves on the board of directors of SPUR, is a founding member of UC Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation, and serves on UC Berkeley's Fisher Center Policy Advisory Board, is a member of Urban Land Institute's Urban Development Mixed-Use Council, and is a member of Lamda Alpha International. Safier continues to advise and serve in various roles in the education and health-care sectors. Prior to the Prado Group, Safier was a principal at Prometheus Real Estate Group and following Hastings, Safier managed AMB's international clients and their U.S. assets.

KRISTIN SVERCHEK '07

General Counsel, Lyft

→ Sverchek has focused on startups and venture capital since the start of her career, first as an associate at Gunderson Dettmer and then as an associate and partner at Silicon Legal Strategy. In 2012, she became Lyft's first in-house lawyer. Since then, she has helped Lyft grow from San Francisco into all 50 states and



ADELMISE WARNER '01

GLOBAL HEAD OF DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION, SIRIUSXM AND PANDORA

As global head of diversity and inclusion for SiriusXM and Pandora, Warner is responsible for developing and implementing all the diversity and inclusion strategies, including the hiring, retention, development, and advancement of underrepresented talent, particularly women and people of color, for the satellite radio/audio streaming service industry leader, now the largest audio entertainment company in the world. Previously, Warner, who grew up in Haiti and immigrated to the United States at the age of 16, was senior counsel at Electronic Arts and a senior associate in Morgan Lewis Labor and Employment Practice Group. Warner serves on boards of nonprofit organizations dedicated to the advancement of underrepresented people, including the Women's Audio Mission and the National Employment Law Council. Warner is a 2019 Eisenhower fellow.

Canada. Sverchek and her team at Lyft have successfully settled a number of lawsuits for the company in disparate areas of law, including personal injury, regulatory, intellectual property, employment, disability law, and privacy. In the spring of 2019, she took Lyft through its highly publicized IPO.

BRUCE TELKAMP '94

Co-Founder and CEO, HealthPocket and AgileHealthInsurance.com

→ Telkamp developed his tech bona fides as an IP lawyer representing Silicon Valley companies at law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He has since spent the majority of his career in the health care industry, leading innovative companies that help consumers navigate the confusing maze of health insurance. HealthPocket is the country's largest source for health insurance, and Agile helps consumers find alternatives to Affordable Care Act plans. With his wife, Diane Turrieff '90, Telkamp established the Telkamp-Turrieff Scholarship at UC Hastings.

RICHARD THALHEIMER '74

Founder and Former CEO, The Sharper Image

→ Thalheimer, who first ventured into

merchandising selling office supplies in college, credits the birth of The Sharper Image—which he founded in 1977—to his discovery and subsequent mail-order marketing of a \$69 waterproof watch. Over the course of the ensuing 30 years, his company grew into a chain of more than 200 stores with \$800 million in sales.

JANINE YANCEY '92

Founder and CEO, Emtrain

→ After practicing employment law and representing high-tech companies in the Bay Area, Yancey envisioned how technology could democratize access to legal information by informing employees of their rights and responsibilities, while making trending employee concerns visible to employers. To make it happen, Yancey founded Emtrain and recruited engineering and product leaders from LinkedIn, Adobe, and McKinsey to bring machine learning and predictive analytics to the world of compliance training. Emtrain partners with Netflix, Dolby, Workday, Yelp, and 800 other culture-focused employers to prevent harassment, bias, and ethics issues and create healthier workplace cultures.

BEYOND THE LAW

→ ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI THRIVE IN FIELDS AS DIVERSE AS DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING, TELEVISION NEWS, PUBLIC RELATIONS, ACADEMIA, AND ICE DANCING—PUTTING THEIR LAW DEGREE TO WORK IN COUNTLESS CREATIVE WAYS.

NATHAN BALLARD '99

CEO, The Press Shop

→ *San Francisco* magazine's "Power Issue" said that Ballard is a "preeminent media whisperer" who represents "a veritable Yellow Pages of powerful clients." Ballard specializes in crisis communications. He was Gov. Gavin Newsom's communications director when Newsom served as mayor of San Francisco. Ballard has



been a communications adviser to Fortune 100 companies, major tech figures, the Golden State Warriors, Super Bowl 50, and San Francisco's Olympic bid. He was a spokesman for presidential candidates Sen. John Kerry and Gen. Wesley Clark; the Democratic National Committee; the California Democratic Party; and the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. He was a market leader and managing director at Burson-Marsteller, a global public relations agency. Ballard is currently CEO of The Press Shop, a full-service public relations agency with offices in San Francisco and Sacramento.

MERLE CHAMBERS '77

Former CEO, Axem Resources

→ Chambers headed oil and gas exploration and production company Axem Resources for more than 20 years, leading it to spectacular success in the Rocky Mountain region. She was the first woman inducted into the Rocky Mountain Oil & Gas Hall of Fame and served on the National Petroleum Council. Since selling Axem in 1997, Chambers has devoted considerable time to philanthropy as board chair of Merle Chambers Fund, a private foundation committed to long-term economic opportunity and social justice.

DAVID DUNN '88

Founder and CEO, Athletes First

→ One of the most successful and respected sports agents in the industry, Dunn has negotiated NFL contracts



totaling more than \$1 billion. Ranked No. 24 on Forbes' 2018 list of top sports agents in the world, Dunn has landed

scores of headline-making contracts for players such as quarterback Aaron Rodgers (whose four-year, \$134 million contract extension with the Green Bay Packers broke records in NFL history). Other notable clients in Dunn's remarkable portfolio include Jim Harbaugh, Chip Kelly, Ray Lewis, Steve Young, and Carson Palmer.

CLARA FOLTZ

First Female Lawyer on the West Coast

→ Though not technically an alum, Foltz—who was born in 1849 and is closely identified with the law school's history—was a legal trailblazer who played a major role in opening up the California bar to women. After becoming the first woman admitted to the state bar, at age 29, Foltz wanted to pursue a formal legal education at UC Hastings. She was unsuccessful in her first attempt to gain admission, due to the gender restrictions of the era. Undaunted, Foltz co-authored an amendment to the state constitution that would dismantle these gender barriers and filed suit to gain entrance. As a result, Foltz paved the way for women to attend UC Hastings—as well as other law schools—and to pursue law as a career.

ABBY GINZBERG '75

Documentary Filmmaker

→ Over a 30-year career, Ginzberg has directed and produced documentaries primarily centered on the legal field and justice issues. Her film *Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson's American Journey* (2005) focused on one of the country's first African American federal judges, while *Cruz Reynoso: Sowing*



the Seeds of Justice highlights the first Latino judge on the California Supreme Court. Ginzberg also received a Peabody Award for *Soft Vengeance: Albie Sachs and the New South Africa* (2014) and was consulting producer for Academy Award nominee *The Barber of Birmingham* (2011). Her film *And Then They Came for Us* (2017), about the connection between the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II and the current Muslim travel ban, won a Silver Gavel Award. She is currently in production on a documentary about Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

PHILIP KAN

GOTANDA '78

Playwright and Filmmaker

→ Gotanda uses film, theater, and music to tell stories primarily focused on the Asian American experience and marginalization. He joined the Asian American theater movement in the 1970s, writing dozens of plays—many experimental in style—about such topics as interracial marriage, the intersections between different ethnic groups, and the challenges faced by those of mixed race. Among his plays are *Sisters Matsumoto*, *The Wash*, *The Dream of Kitamura*, *Day Standing on Its Head*, and *The Wind Calls Mary*. Several of his acclaimed films have been invited to Sundance. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and is a professor at UC Berkeley in the Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies.

GREGG JARRETT '80

Legal Analyst and Commentator, Fox News

→ Fox News anchor Jarrett joined the network in 2002 after having worked at both Court TV and MSNBC. He is known for his critiques of the Clintons and the Mueller investigation, positions that form the basis of his



SAM FERNANDEZ '80

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, LOS ANGELES DODGERS

Cuba-born Fernandez joined the Dodgers four years out of law school and has been there ever since. An avid fan of the team since he was a child, he's responsible for supervising the organization's vast legal portfolio, which touches on every facet of the day-to-day management of a major league sports franchise and includes contract negotiations, intellectual property management, and litigation. He has worked on matters ranging from the establishment of the Dodgers' training facility in the Dominican Republic in 1987 to serving on the board of directors of Major League Baseball Properties. He has received numerous awards and honors, including recognition by the *National Law Journal* as one of the country's "50 Outstanding General Counsel."

best-selling 2018 book, *The Russia Hoax*. Jarrett's follow-up book will be published in the fall of 2019. After graduating from UC Hastings in 1980, he spent a few years as a defense attorney with Gordon & Rees. Jarrett has also taught law as an adjunct professor at New York Law School.

BRAD KREVOY '82

Founder and Chairman/CEO, Motion Picture Corporation of America

→ In his 30-year career as a feature film and television producer, Krevoy has produced and/or distributed projects that have generated worldwide revenues of more than \$1.5 billion. His projects have included Netflix's *A Christmas Prince*; Hallmark Channel's family series *When Calls the Heart*; the Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee for Best Foreign Language Film *Prisoner of the Mountains*; the Emmy, Golden Globe, and SAG award-winning HBO film *Taking Chance*; and *Dumb and Dumber* (which broke box-office comedy records upon its release in 1994). Krevoy is a member of the Motion Picture Academy and serves on the Board of the American Film Market and California State Summer School of the Arts.

N. MARK LAM '83

Former CEO, Live365

→ Consider Lam's many accomplishments: CEO not once, but twice, of one of the world's largest internet radio networks; adjunct professor at the University of California, Irvine; co-author of *China Now: Doing Business in the World's Most Dynamic Market*, one of the best-selling English-language business books about China; and founder of the Pristine Group, based in Newport Beach. All told, Lam certainly has an impressively diverse résumé. And, as a top executive, teacher, and lawyer, he has had a far-reaching impact on high-tech and business law and strategy.

JOHN MAATTA '77

CEO, Wizard Entertainment; Of Counsel, Eisner

→ Maatta is the CEO of Wizard Entertainment, a multifaceted media and entertainment company, which is the largest producer of pop-culture live entertainment in the country. Previously, he was the co-head and chief





LEO MARTINEZ '78

ALBERT ABRAMSON PROFESSOR OF LAW,
UC HASTINGS

After graduating from UC Hastings Order of the Coif and as a member of the Thurston Society in 1978, Martinez returned to UC Hastings as a faculty member in 1985. Over the course of his illustrious career with UC Hastings, Martinez has served as acting chancellor and dean, academic dean, interim general counsel, and Albert Abramson Professor of Law. Martinez is a leading scholar in contract, federal tax, tax policy, tax procedure, and insurance law, in which he has published prolifically, including six editions as principal author of West's *Insurance Law* and as a principal editor of Appleman's four-volume *Insurance Practice Guide*. He is a past president of the Association of American Law Schools and has balanced his dedication to legal education with a commitment to public service, leading the boards of various organizations such as KOED and Public Advocates. Apart from his accomplishments, Martinez's impact as a thought leader and mentor distinguishes him as being "beyond the law." He has shared his vast experience with decades of students who remember him most for his epigrammatic adages and boundless support. Despite all these accomplishments, Martinez counts as his greatest achievement consistently beating Chancellor & Dean David Faigman in racquetball.

operating officer of the CW Television Network, and was the first employee of the WB Television Network, where he was also the chief operating officer and the general counsel. Maatta was an executive at Warner Bros. and its related entities for over 29 years. Maatta is also affiliated with the Eisner firm in Beverly Hills, where he is involved in matters that cover the spectrum of entertainment law. At UC Hastings, Maatta was one of the founders of the *Comm/Ent* law journal.

NION MCEVOY '79

Chairman and CEO,
Chronicle Books

→ The great-grandson of *San Francisco Chronicle* founder Michael de Young, McEvoy returned

to the family business not long after his time at UC Hastings, joining Chronicle Books in 1986. He became editor-in-chief of the adult trade division and eventually bought the company in 2000. McEvoy is also an influential presence in the art world, serving as a member of the accessions committee at SFMOMA. He is past chairman of the Board of Commissioners at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and current board chair at SFFILM. He established the McEvoy Foundation for the Arts in 2017.

GERALD POSNER '78

Investigative Journalist
and Author

→ One of the youngest attorneys ever hired by Cravath, Swain & Moore,



Posner had a notable career as a lawyer, but it is his work as an investigative journalist that has made him his name. The author of more than a dozen books, Posner has covered topics from the Nazi “Angel of Death” Josef Mengele to international heroin syndicates. His book *Case Closed*, which maintains that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, was a finalist for the 1994 Pulitzer Prize in history. More recently, he published *God’s Bankers: A History of Money and Power at the Vatican*, an in-depth look at the history of the Vatican Bank.

LOUIS SACHAR ’80

Author

→ Sachar received a publishing deal for his first book, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, during his first week at UC Hastings. After almost a decade practicing law in order to subsidize his work as a children’s book author, he finally turned to writing full time and has since published more than 20 titles. Sachar is most

famous for *Holes*, which he published in 1998. The book won the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature and the Newbery Medal, and was adapted by Sachar into a popular film in 2003.

GORSHA SUR ’06

Ice Dancing National Champion

→ It was only after his highly successful ice dancing career wound to a close that Sur came to UC Hastings. A two-time World Junior medalist, he won the gold at the United States Figure Skating Championships for ice dancing twice after relocating to the U.S. After retiring, Sur worked as a coach and choreographer before enrolling at UC Hastings in 2003. Since graduating, he has studied international commercial arbitration law at Stockholm University and now serves as managing partner of Versus Advocates’ Bay Area office.

DAVID TAKACS ’08

Professor of Law, UC Hastings

→ Takacs is a professor at UC Hastings specializing in environmental law. He has consulted for international NGOs and U.S. government agencies, analyzing legal and policy issues pertaining to REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest

Degradation) and climate change. His scholarly work addresses carbon offsetting, biodiversity conservation law, and the human right to water. He is the author of *The Idea of Biodiversity*, and in 2017 he was given the Rutter Award for Outstanding Teaching at UC Hastings.

NANCY TELLEM ’78

Executive Chairwoman and Chief Media Officer, Eko

→ After graduating from UC Hastings, Tellem practiced law for four years in Los Angeles before transitioning to what would become a phenomenally successful career in television. After stints with *Wheel of Fortune* and Merv Griffin, she worked at WB and CBS, where she rose to the posi-



tion of president of CBS Entertainment, becoming one of the first women to hold a top entertainment post at a major network. Since stepping down as CBS president, she joined Microsoft as entertainment and digital media president and currently oversees Eko (formerly

known as Interlude), a company focused on interactive music videos.

LAWRENCE VAVRA ’02

Co-Founder

SFX Entertainment and Deckstar

→ As a student at UC Hastings, Vavra enjoyed putting on concerts. One artist he booked, DJ AM, went on to become Vavra’s first management client. Along with partners Paul Rosenberg and Matt Colon, Vavra co-founded Deckstar, and his client list quickly grew to more than 30 artists. In 2012, Vavra produced the first-ever electronic dance music performance at the Grammy Awards. He is also a co-founder of SFX Entertainment (now known as LiveStyle). Vavra has managed well-known bands, including Jane’s Addiction, Rancid, and Smashing Pumpkins.

ALUMNI REFLECT ON THE BENEFITS OF GIVING BACK TO THEIR ALMA MATER



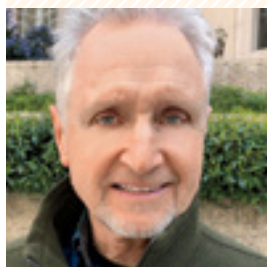
AWARDS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST

BY LAUREN (RUSSELL) CAPURRO LLM '04; TRUMP, ALIOTO, TRUMP & PRESCOTT

When a class action lawsuit settles in favor of the plaintiffs, it isn't always feasible to distribute all of the recovered funds to class members because the cost of distribution is too high relative to the likely award to claimants. In that event, a cy pres award is possible. Meaning "as near as" in French, a cy pres award goes to a nonprofit organization whose work closely relates to the subject of the class action.

UC Hastings is among the organizations that can qualify for a cy pres award. I know this because my firm recently settled a case in which all recovered funds were distributed for charitable purposes, including the children's advocacy program at UC Hastings. Other attorneys can have similar success in gaining approval of a cy pres distribution to UC Hastings, especially if they understand the preferences and standards of the courts. California state courts, whose policies are set forth in Section 384 of the Code of Civil Procedure, view cy pres awards favorably. Federal courts are more stringent, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California has recently issued new guidelines. Lawyers seeking a cy pres award in this district must now disclose any link to the potential recipient.

Depending on the settlement size, a cy pres award can be significant. As I have seen firsthand, allocating a portion to UC Hastings means the funds will be put to good use.



PLANNED GIVING, WITH GRATITUDE

BY JOHN KOEPPEL '76, OF COUNSEL, ROPERS MAJESKI KOHN BENTLEY

Looking back, I realize that law was the best profession I could have chosen. I also realize it was my education at UC Hastings that propelled me toward success.

I am immensely grateful for this education, and to the school that allowed me to earn a law degree at practically no cost. For that reason, and because it makes me feel I'm doing the right thing, I have included UC Hastings in my estate plans.

Any UC Hastings graduate has an opportunity to take the same step. While not everyone is as fortunate as I was to attend UC Hastings at a time when California provided most of the school's funding, keeping tuition low, planned giving is possible for most people.

One way to start is by adding UC Hastings as a beneficiary of your retirement account. It's easy to do, and designating a percentage rather than dollar amount allows your beneficiaries to do better as you do better.

Your generosity has impact: Planned giving helps fulfill the vision for the campus and legal education at UC Hastings. It also provides financial support for new generations of students.

To me, there's no better way to leave a legacy.

For more information, visit uchastings.edu/alumni/how-to-give.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

UC HASTINGS ESTABLISHES A VIBRANT NEW ACADEMIC VILLAGE



UC Hastings once again proves it's a thought leader in legal education with the establishment of an interdisciplinary academic village in downtown San Francisco. In the law school's 2017 Long-Range Campus Plan (LRCP), Chancellor & Dean David Faigman described this vision:

"Great law schools contribute positively to the environment and communities surrounding them. At UC Hastings, we are moving forward to develop a vibrant academic village in the heart of San Francisco, a hub of innovation commingling professional and graduate students in law, medicine, and business.

"Over the next decade, UC Hastings will build or rehabilitate 75 percent of its two-block footprint at the nexus of the Civic Center, Tenderloin, and Mid-Market neighborhoods we call home. The LRCP describes how we will take this unprecedented opportunity to provide unique advantages for our students and radically reduce our carbon footprint, while underpinning the ongoing vitality of our community.

"[F]ollowing completion of a LEED Platinum academic building at 333 Golden Gate in January 2020, the obsolete academic buildings at 198 McAllister and 50 Hyde Street will be replaced with approximately 618 new units of campus housing and campus-serving amenities. Developed in collaboration with UCSF, this project offers a framework for interdisciplinary living and work space for students and faculties of both schools. The proximity of shared teaching and clinical spaces, institutes, and departments on campus will help foster deeper academic collaborations for the benefit of all of our students."

"Certainly, the College's longtime partnership with UCSF (and other institutions both inside and outside the University of California system) will add to the dynamism of the new village, in which professional and graduate students from many disciplines will be encouraged to experience campus life together. The new residential tower will also have active ground-floor uses, which deepen the campus's ties to the community.

"Our business and history give us the foundation on which to build an extraordinary future as one of the pre-eminent law schools in the nation," says Faigman. "I look forward to working with the entire community as we build for the future."

To learn how you can support UC Hastings' initiatives to transform its campus into a dynamic academic village, visit uchastings.edu/giving or contact Chief Development Officer Eric Dumbleton at 415.565.4616 or dumbletoneric@uchastings.edu.



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